

Unit of Study Guide: BUS6003 Business Law

Trimester 2, 2022

Overview

BUS6005 Business Law examines the legal, business, and ethical environment in which local and international contemporary businesses operate. It focuses on ethical principles that require an examination of the human consequences to corporate decision-making and on the increasing importance of social corporate responsibility for business.

Unit Code and Title	BUS603 Business Law
Course(s)	Graduate Diploma of Project Management (Grad Dip PM) Master of Project Management and Business (MPMB)
Credit Points	8 credit points
Duration	12 weeks
AQF Level	8 Credit Points
Student Workload	Students should expect to spend 156 hours on learning activities across the study period. This includes time spent attending scheduled classes, undertaking private study, preparing assessments, and completing examinations.
Mode(s) of Delivery	Face to face, Blended
Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites	N/A
Unit Coordinator	As per current timetable
Contact Information	Consultation: 1 hour scheduled session

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this units, students will be able to:

- UL01** Articulate the legal framework in which Australian and international businesses operate and describe the core concepts as they relate to project management.
- UL02** Research and identify relevant business law to specific project contexts.
- UL03** Recognise the relationship between legal and social corporate responsibilities, and the ethical consequences of corporate decision-making.

ULO4 Effectively communicate a business law case analysis through reports and presentations to a variety of stakeholder groups.

Weekly Schedule

Detailed information for each week's activities can be found in the unit's weekly modules in Canvas.

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction & Origins of Australian Law and Legal Systems
Week 2	Business Structures, Partnerships and Corporations
Week 3	Torts A: The Law of Torts and Negligence
Week 4	Torts B: Application of Negligence to Business
Week 5	Contracts A: Formation of Contract: Agreement, Intention, Consideration
Week 6	Contracts B: Capacity of the Parties
Week 7	Contracts C: Contractual terms and performance of contract
Week 8	Sale of Goods and Australian Consumer Laws
Week 9	Due diligence
Week 10	Business Related Offences and Ethics
Week 11	STUDY WEEK
Week 12	ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATION WEEK FOR SPECIFIED UNITS

Assessments

- All assessments are compulsory.
- To pass the unit students must:
 - achieve a total of 50% or more of marks offered; and
 - pass all individual invigilated assessments; and
 - have attempted all assessments.








Where one or more of these requirements are not met, the Board of Examiners will consider a student's overall progress towards meeting the unit learning outcomes and any special circumstances before reaching a decision.

- The Board of Examiners may grant a supplementary assessment where a student:
 - achieves a total of 45% or more; and
 - has passed all individual invigilated assessments in the unit; and
 - has attempted all assessments; and

- has a recommendation for supplementary assessment by the Unit Coordinator and the Head of Discipline?

Where one or more of these requirements are not met, the Board of Examiners will consider a student's overall progress towards meeting the unit learning outcomes and any special circumstances before reaching a decision. Attendance and engagement in class will be considered.

4. APIC awards common result grades as set out in the [Award of Grade Policy](#).
5. Detailed information for each assessment can be found on the Unit's Home Page and in the Assessment Brief.

Assessment Task	Type	Weight	Length	Due	UOs Assessed
Assessment 1: Online Quizzes Weekly online quiz of key content areas	Individual  Invigilated 	30% (3 x 10%)	30 minutes each (equiv. 500 words)	Week 3 Week 6 Week 8	ULO1 ULO2
Assessment 2: Case Studies - Case Analysis Working in small groups, students respond to legal questions concerning contracts, torts, and Business Entities about authentic business scenarios.	Group 	30%	2500 words	Week 9	ULO2 ULO3 ULO4
Assessment 3-part A: Essay Working individually students choose a business organization and research how five business law areas are relevant to the plans and operations of the chosen business organisation and discuss social and ethical issues.	Individual  Invigilated 	25% essay	2500 words	Week 10	ULO1 ULO2 ULO3 ULO4
Assessment 3-Part B: Presentation Working individually students will present the outcomes of the chosen business organisation based upon five business law areas including the plans, operations, social and ethical issues.	Individual  Invigilated 	15% presentation	10 minutes verbal presentation (equiv. 1500 words)	Week 11 & Week 12	ULO1 ULO2 ULO3 ULO4

equiv. – equivalent word count based on the Assessment Load Equivalence Guide. It means this assessment is equivalent to the normally expected time requirement for a written submission containing the specified number of words.

Course Reserves

Course Reserve includes all required resources and reading material for the unit of study. You can access Course Reserve via [APIC Library](#) or via the Course Reserve link on the unit's homepage.

Prescribed text(s):

Gibson, A & Osborne, S 2019, *Business law*, 11th edn, Pearson, Melbourne, Australia.

Recommended Readings:

Ardagh, A 2016, *LexisNexis Questions and Answers Business Law*, 2nd edn, Lexisnexis Butterworths, Australia.

Barron, ML 2011, *Fundamentals of Business Law*, 7th edn, McGraw Hill Education, Australia.

Graw, S 2008, *An Introduction to the Law of Contract*, 6th edn, Lawbook Company, Australia.

Latimer, P 2012, *Australian Business Law*, 31st edn, CCH Australia, North Ryde, Australia.

Radan, P & Gooley, J 2009, *Principles of Australian Contract Law*, 2nd edn, LexisNexis, Australia.

Terry, A & Giugni, D 2009, *Business and the law*, 5th edn, Cengage Learning, South Melbourne, Australia.

Vickery, R & Flood, M 2011, *Australian Business Law: Compliance and Practice*, 7th edn, Pearson Education, Frenchs Forest.

Other Recommended Resources:

Australasian Legal Scholarship Library: <http://www.austlii.edu.au>

Federal Register of Legislation: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au>

NSW Legislation: <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au>

Academic Integrity

Ethical conduct and academic integrity and honesty are fundamental to the mission of APIC and academic misconduct will not be tolerated by the College. It is the responsibility of every student to make sure that they understand what constitutes academic misconduct and to refrain from engaging in it. Please refer to APIC's [Academic Integrity Policy](#) for further details.

Other Important Information and Links

<p>Special consideration</p> <p>If your academic work is impacted by significant documented illness, hardship, or other adverse circumstances beyond your control, you may make an application for Special Consideration. Please refer to the Assessment Policy for further details.</p>	<p>Late submission</p> <p>Penalties apply when work is submitted after the due date without approval. Please refer to the Assessment Policy for information about late submission.</p>
<p>Assessment appeals</p> <p>If you are concerned about a mark you have received for an assessment or final grade, you may apply to formally appeal the grade. Please see the Assessment Policy for further details.</p>	<p>Award of grades</p> <p>APIC awards common result grades, set out in the Award of Grade Policy.</p>
<p>Expectations of student conduct</p> <p>Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with a safe and respectful study environment. More information can be found in the Student Code of Conduct.</p>	<p>Study resources</p> <p>APIC Library and Student Learning Support resources and services can be accessed via the Student Lounge or your Dashboard on the OLS (Canvas).</p>
<p>Student Services</p> <p>The Student Services team provides administrative support for students and handles enquiries about enrolment, timetables, important dates and submitting forms. More information can be found on the Student Services page on the OLS (Canvas).</p>	<p>Key dates</p> <p>Key dates through the academic year, including teaching periods, census, payment deadlines and exams can be found on the Academic Calendar section of the APIC website.</p>

Changes and Updates to the Unit of Study Guide

This Unit of Study Guide may be updated and amended from time to time. Students will be notified of any changes to the unit via the Online Learning System (Canvas) space for the unit.

This Unit of Study Guide was last modified on 24 May 2022.